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For: PROCESS FOR PREPARING R-(-)-CARNITINE FROM S-(-)-CHLOROSUCCINIC  
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**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION**

Applicants hereby submit this in response to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2004 ("Office Action").

A response to the Office Action was originally due March 30, 2005. Applicants hereby petition for a one-month extension of time in which to submit a response or an amendment in response to the Office Action. The fee for a one-month extension of time is \$120 and a check in that amount is enclosed. Therefore, the deadline for responding to the Office Action is now May 2, 2005 (Monday). Accordingly, this Amendment and Response is being timely filed.

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